

TODAY'S LESSONS: THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 18

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 12:1-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of re-

membrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 149

8am Spoken

10am Sung see other side of insert

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Romans 13:8-14

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now

the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Guest Celebrant & Preacher:

Pr. Lew Carlson

Today's Readers:

Lessons: Isabelle Behm

Prayers: Angie Essenmacher

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude

Cantate Domino

G.F. Händel

Psalm 149

1. Give praise to the Lord and sing a new song, a - mid all his
 2. With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac - claim, with danc-ing and
 3. In glo - ry ex - ult, O saints of the Lord let them on their
 4. They'll ex - e - cute wrath on na-tions and lands, to bind kings with

saints his prais-es pro - long. Let Is-rael re - joice in his Ma - ker and
 song, give praise to his name! The Lord in his peo - ple his plea - sure will
 beds his prais-es ac - cord. May prais-es to God from each mouth now be
 chains and no - bles with bands, for so it is writ - ten, this judg - ment will

sing, and chil - dren of Zi on re - joice in their king.
 take, with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
 poured. May they in their hands wield a dou - ble - edged sword.
 fall. His saints have this glo ry. Give praise to the Lord!

Offertory Anthem Wo zwei oder drei in meinem Namen versammelt sind
 Where two or three are gathered in my name

Kommunität Gnadenthal 1972

Recorder Duet, Diana Brehob & Manuela Blankinship

Communion Hymn

Circle the table

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1. Cir - cle the ta - ble, hands now ex - tend. Wel - come a stran - ger,
 2. See on the ta - ble, set in Christ's name, signs of the suf - fering
 3. Eat and be thank - ful, lift up your praise. God has for - giv - en

greet a new friend. O - pen your cir - cle, let it ex - pand.
 love ov - er - came: cup of sweet wine and loaf of fine bread.
 your self - ish ways. Go from the ta - ble, go forth to share

1. Wel - come God's child - ren from far a - way lands.
 Al things are rea - dy so come and be fed.
 with your new neigh - bors the love you found there.

3.

Please pray for

Those in need of healing: Pat (Mulkern), Lynn (Honeycutt), Louise (LeBeau), Lena (Gray), Veronica (Pitrigo), Pat (Snyder), Ellen (Chapman), Stephanie (Robinson), Hardy (Shelton, III), Cheryl (True), Jenny (Gettel), Holli, and Ida (Davenport).

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan: St. Paul's (Lansing).

For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic: Holy Spirit (Las Carreras).